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25X1 1. [] the United Front Department in Peiping called a meeting of the responsible persons of all democratic parties and groups. The essential matters decided were:

- a. Politically the various democratic parties and groups must maintain agreement with the Chinese Communists and accept their leadership.
- b. In order to oppose America, aid Korea, and secure the national defense, the activities of all minority groups must be based on the outlines laid down for the "Three Big Movements".
- c. The Chinese Communists are willing to assist the various democratic parties to expand their organization and to provide them with more funds.
- d. The field from which democratic parties may recruit their members may be extended. Governmental organs were hitherto forbidden ground. Now, except for the military, foreign service, public security, and intelligence organizations, the democratic parties and groups may consider all governmental organs as targets for their recruitment.
- e. To avoid mutual conflict, the various groups should prepare lists of prospective members and consult with one another.
- f. The various groups should make great efforts to take in as many Communists as possible.
- g. The various parties and groups must take positive steps to clean their own houses and purify their members' thoughts.
- h. The various democratic parties and groups must take great care to guard against infiltration by anti-revolutionary elements and must prosecute thought offenders.

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2. LO Lung-chi was the leading speaker at the meeting. The parties participating and the representatives of each were:¹

The Democratic League	CHANG Lan (張瀾) LO Lung-chi (羅隆基) CHOU Hsin-min (周新民)
The Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee	T'AN P'ing-shan (譚平山) CHU Yun-shan (朱蘊山)
The Democratic Reconstruction Society	HUANG Yen-pei (黃炎培) CHANG Nai-ch'i (章乃器)
Society for the Protection of Democracy	MA Hsu-lun (馬叙倫) WANG Shao-ao (王紹鏊)
Farmers and Workers Party	CHANG Po-chun (章伯鈞) HO Wen-p'u (何文樸) WANG Ch'en-lin (王琛林)
Chih Kung Tang	CH'EN CH'i-yu (陳其尤) HUANG Ting-ch'en (黃鼎臣)
Chiu San (Third of September) Society	HSU Te-heng (許德珩) HUANG Kuo-chang (黃國璋)

3. Soon after this meeting the various democratic parties and groups held meetings to discuss their organizational problems.

1. Comment. Some of the people mentioned may be further identified as follows:

CHANG Lan has been known for some time to be chairman of the Democratic League. He is a vice chairman of the Chinese Communist Government.

LO Lung-chi has been the secretary general and spokesman for the Democratic League. In 1946 he was in charge of the Min Chu Pao in Chungking, and in 1949 he was reported to be virtually a prisoner in Peiping. He is a member of the Government Administration Council.

CHOU Hsin-min is a deputy director of the Staff Office of the Government Council and was reported to be head of the Organization Ministry of the Democratic League.

T'AN P'ing is on the Government Council, the Government Administration Council, and is chairman of the Committee of People's Supervision. He was reported to be on the supervisory committee of the San Min Chu I Youth Corps, and stated that he was the leader of one of the five cliques in the splintered Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee.

CHU Yun-shan is a member of the CPPCC and a member of the Committee of People's Supervision. In 1947 he was reported to be one of the founders and organizers of the China Democratic Peace Movement League in Hong Kong.

HUANG Yen-pei is a member of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC, the Government Council, the Government Administration Council, the Committee of Finance and Economics, and is the Minister of Light Industries. As a member of the Political Consultative Conference (PCC) he performed various functions for the Kuomintang, including a trip to Yen-an in the hope of bringing the Chinese Communist Party members to the PCC.

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He has been connected with the All-China Education Workers' Association, the Democratic League, and is head of the Democratic Reconstruction Society: []

CHANG Nai-ch'i is a member of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC, the Government Administration Council, and the Committee of Finance and Economics. At one time he was to be appointed as general manager of the People's Bank, and in December 1949 was reported to be the head of the Banker Group of the Democratic Reconstruction Association.

MA Hsu-lun is a member of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC, the Government Council, the Government Administration Council, a vice chairman of the Committee of Culture and Education, and is the Minister of Education. He is known to have been a leader in the Chinese Democracy Promotion Society, a former professor of philosophy at Chekiang University and at Peiping University. In 1946 he was reported as editor of the magazine Democracy. [] he was reported to be connected with the All-China Education Workers' Association.

WANG Shao-ao is a Vice Minister of Finance. He has been reported to be a native of Soochow, educated in Japan, and to have been living on loans from friends for 35 years. Having been imprisoned by the Kuomintang for about a year, he was accepted by the Chinese Communists.

CHANG Po-chun is a member of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC, the Government Council, the Government Administration Council, the Committee of Finance and Economics, and is the Minister of Communications. He was the chief leader of the Third Party, the left wing of the Democratic League. With HUANG Yen-p'ei he went to Yenan to try to bring the Chinese Communist Party members to the PCC. In 1948 he was reported to be Chairman of the Farmers and Laborers Democratic Party of the Peace Democratic League in Hong Kong.

CH'EN Ch'i-yu is a member of the CPPCC and the Kwangtung Government Council. In 1949 he was reported to be Chairman of the Chih Kung Tang, and has been mentioned in connection with overseas Chinese groups.

HUANG Ting-ch'ien has been known as an important supporter of the Chih Kung Tang since 1947.

HSU Te-heng is a member of the CPPCC, the Committee of Political and Legal Affairs, and the Commission of Law in the Ministry of Justice. At the end of the war he was a member of the Hopei-Chahar-Jehol-Suiyuan section of a PCC commission. [] he was reported to be head of the Chiu San Society, and it was stated that he had been recruited for a three months training period.

HUANG Kuo-chang was at one time the head of the City Planning Section of the Central Planning Bureau, and a member of a Southern Fukien special committee. In 1950 he was reported to be deputy chief of the organization department and a commissioner in the Fukien Provincial Committee.

[] Comment. The history and organization of the United Front Department, including the names of a number of the leading chiefs and department heads, [] For the organization and personnel of the South China Bureau of the United Front Department, []

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